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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Criminal Case No.

INDICTMENT

Title 8, U.S.C., Secs. 1326(a) and (b) - Attempted Entry After Deportation

The grand jury charges:

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

On or about October 3, 2007, within the Southern District of California, defendant JOAQUIN BARRAGAN, an alien, knowingly and intentionally attempted to enter the United States of America with the purpose, i.e., conscious desire, to enter the United States without the express consent of the Attorney General of the United States or his designated successor, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, after having been previously excluded, deported and removed from the United States to Mexico, and not having obtained said express consent to reapply for admission thereto; and committed an overt act

to wit, crossing the border from Mexico into the United States, that was a substantial step toward committing the offense, all in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1326(a) and (b).

It is further alleged that defendant JOAQUIN BARRAGAN was removed from the United States subsequent to August 20, 1998.

DATED: December 12, 2007.

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